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**Programming and Allocations Committee  
February 9, 2011  
Minutes**

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*Steve Heminger*  
Executive Director

*Ann Flemer*  
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

*Andrew B. Fremier*  
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

Chair Kinsey called the meeting to order at approximately 9:45 a.m. Committee members present were: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Dodd, and Glover. Commissioners Haggerty and Tissier were present as ad hoc voting members of the Committee. Other Commissioners present as ad hoc members of the Committee were: Chu, Giacopini, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rubin, Spering, Rein Worth, and Yeager.

**Consent Calendar**

After moving agenda item 2b from the Consent Calendar, the Committee unanimously approved the following consent items after a motion by Commissioner Dodd and a second by Commissioner Tissier:

- Minutes of January 12, 2011 meeting;
- FY 2010-11 FTA Non-urbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) Program of Projects. MTC Resolution No. 3988;
- FY 2010-11 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary Program. MTC Resolution No. 3964, Revised;
- Allocation of \$13.4 million in TDA and STA funds for transit operations and capital. MTC Resolution Nos. 3950, Revised, and 3951, Revised;
- Proposition 1B – Transit: FY 2010-11 Population-based Funds Allocation Requests. MTC Resolution No. 3880, Revised; and
- Proposition 1B- Transit Security: FY 2010-11 Population-based Funds Allocation Requests. MTC Resolution No. 3882, Revised.

**Regional**

- *Cycle 1 STP/CMAQ Program update to include block grant and other projects. MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised.*

Commissioner Kinsey removed this item from the consent calendar due to concerns raised by business owners in the community of Palo Alto. Ross McKeown, Programming and Allocations Section, presented Cycle 1 STP/CMAQ Program updates to include Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's selection of projects for the County Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program, the County Safe Routes to School Program, and two road rehabilitation projects that were selected by Solano and San Mateo Counties. Mr. McKeown provided the Committee with details of the Palo Alto – California Avenue Transit Hub project which has raised concerns with business owners in the community. Commissioner Kinsey asked if the project sponsor has been made aware of the concerns of the community and Mr. McKeown confirmed that they have.

The Committee heard public comments from the City of Palo Alto California Avenue Merchants: William Ross (attorney representing a variety of businesses on California Avenue and residents), Lara Ekwall (business owner on California Avenue), Cathy Cho (North Village Cleaners on California Avenue), and Jessica Roth (business owner on California Avenue) who each spoke in opposition to the VTA grant request for the City of Palo Alto California Avenue Transit Hub, which would reduce the number of lanes on California Avenue from four lanes to two lanes and according to the speakers would make access to their business more difficult for customers.

Commissioner Kinsey commented that because there was a concern raised by the public, staff should look into it before presenting to the full Commission.

Mr. Heminger responded that the TLC program has two components which include projects recommended at the regional level and those that individual counties select and in this case it is the latter. Mr. Heminger suggested that this item be referred to the Commission without the Palo Alto – California Avenue Transit Hub project and that the project be the subject of discussion between MTC and VTA and brought back before the Committee at a later date.

Commissioner Sue Lempert, Commissioner Ken Yeager, Commissioner Dean Chu, and Commissioner Dave Cortese agreed with Mr. Heminger's suggestion that this item be referred to the Commission without the Palo Alto – California Avenue Transit Hub project. Commissioner Chu asked if the project is dropped at this time would funding be jeopardized as far as this cycle is concerned. Mr. Heminger explained that the funding would not be jeopardized.

After removal of the Palo Alto – California Avenue Transit Hub project from the TLC project list, the Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Haggerty with a second by Commissioner Cortese, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3925, Revised to the Commission for approval.

- *MTC FY 2011-12 Fund Estimate. MTC Resolution No. 3990.*

Alix Bockelman, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented the FY 2011-12 Fund Estimate including proposed apportionments and distribution of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance (STA), Assembly Bill (AB) 1107 sales tax and transit related bridge toll funds for FY 2011-12.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Tissier with a second by Commissioner Haggerty, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3990 to the Commission for approval.

- *MTC Updated Exchange Program. MTC Resolution No. 3989.*

Ross McKeown, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, presented the new MTC Exchange program and a request for \$5 million from the MTC Exchange Program for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Affordable Housing Project.

Commissioner Tom Bates asked that staff outline the project. Ann Flemer, Deputy Executive Director of Policy, explained that several months ago the Planning Committee was presented with

changes to the TLC program which included a recommendation to consider a contribution from the TLC program to the formation of an Affordable Housing Fund around TOD and in support of the Priority Development areas. Staff is working now with a non-profit group to form that fund and will be bringing back to the Committee the details of that agreement.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Tissier, unanimously approved the referral of MTC Resolution No. 3989 to the Commission for approval.

### **State**

- *STIP Amendment.*

Kenneth Kao, MTC Programming and Allocations Section, requested that the Committee concur with an amendment to the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to transfer \$50.4 million from the San Jose Airport People Mover project to the BART Extension from Warm Springs to Berryessa project.

The Committee, upon the motion of Commissioner Bates with a second by Commissioner Dodd, unanimously approved staff's recommendations.

### **California Transportation Commission Update**

Kenneth Kao, Programming and Allocations Section, gave the Committee an update from the CTC meeting held on January 19-20 in Sacramento. Highlights included the election of Dario Frommer to serve as chair and Jim Ghielmetti as vice chair; Proposition 1B Bond-Funded Project Allocations; Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account Project Savings; and STIP Transportation Enhancement Allocations.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Dean Chu commented that this is his last day as an MTC Commissioner but would like to know what MTC is doing with respect to the fiscal crisis with Caltrain. Mr. Heminger explained that MTC has been in discussions with Michael Burns, General Manager of VTA, and Mike Scanlon, General Manager of San Mateo County Transit District regarding the ideas that Mr. Burns presented to the Caltrain Board of Directors. Follow-up discussions will be needed to include Nat Ford, Executive Director of San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. These discussions will need to consider solutions to assist Caltrain through the current fiscal year and additionally look at solutions to assist them in future years, because most of the longer term ideas will require voter or legislative actions which cannot happen right away. MTC staff will likely bring updates to the Programming and Allocations Committee closer to the beginning of the budget year that will reflect some creative thinking.

Commissioner Ken Yeager commented that, although this is his last day as an MTC Commissioner, he will continue to sit on the Caltrain Board of Directors. The Caltrain Public Hearing will be the first Thursday in March and the Caltrain Board is expected to vote the first Thursday in April. Commissioner Yeager encouraged MTC staff to figure out a course of action immediately because these dates are rapidly approaching and it wouldn't be good to make cuts in the beginning of April and then discover that there are funds available. Mr. Heminger explained that MTC staff will

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continue the process of coming up with a solution but we should not rule out the fact that Caltrain service changes may be necessary.

Commissioner Kinsey adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:40 a.m.

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